

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claims 35 and 39-44 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1-32. (CANCELLED)

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A reproducing and/or recording apparatus for use with an optical information storage medium including a lead-in area, a user data area, and a lead-out area, the apparatus comprising:

a reading unit which reproduces data from the optical information storage medium; and
a controller which controls the reading unit to reproduce data from a plurality of areas on the optical storage medium,

wherein the lead-in area comprises a first area having a first track pitch, a second area having a second track pitch different from the first track pitch, and a transition area provided between the first area and the second area.

34-44. (CANCELLED)